

ESPRIT ORCHESTRA 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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ORION
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 31,
2013

CONCERT 8:00 PM
PRE-CONCERT TALK 7:15 PM
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PROGRAMME

CLAUDE VIVIER

Orion

PAUL FREHNER

*Phantom Suns**

IGOR STRAVINSKY

*Le sacre du printemps /
The Rite of Spring*
reduced orchestra version
arranged by Jonathan
McPhee

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This concert simultaneously celebrates Esprit's 30th Anniversary and the 30th Anniversary of the death of Claude Vivier as well as the 100th anniversary of the premiere of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* – one of the most important and revolutionary works in the history of music. The inclusion of Frehner's new work adds to the impressive list of Esprit's premieres this season. Vivier's *Orion*, haunting, sensual and evocative, takes shape as a cosmic soundscape of luminous twinkling and all-encompassing clouds of sound. This program luxuriates in the widest range of sonic perspectives. Stravinsky's work depicts a solemn pagan rite: wise elders, seated in a circle, watching a young girl dance herself to death – sacrificing her to the propitiate god of Spring. The piece is a set of scenes of earthly joy and celestial triumph as understood by the Slavs.

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